

SENATE

The new Senate Minority Leader - Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania - named by his colleagues - at a Republican caucus today. The former Senate Whip beat Senator Howard Baker of Tennessee - by a vote of twenty-four-to-nineteen, becoming the first Republican Senate Leader in decades - who is considered more liberal than conservative.

The victor received a telephone call of congratulations from President Nixon - immediately after the vote. The President also voicing hopes - for a GOP Senate takeover in Nineteen-Seventy-One. And the Republican Whip in the Senate, second in command to Scott, Senator Robert Griffin of Michigan.

WASHINGTON

Elsewhere in Washington - the President's Commission on Violence checked in today - with its long-awaited look at Television. Coming to the conclusion that video violence - especially in so-called "kiddie" shows - is at least "a contributing factor" to the present violence in American society.

Commission Chairman Milton Eisenhower went on to observe that TV violence - may serve as "effective merchandising." But - he added, "~~It~~ is an appalling way to serve civilization - and an appalling way to ~~serve~~ fulfill the law that braodcasting must serve the 'public interest, convenience and necessity.'" The one saving grace - said he - is that television's new fall schedule - "seems to indicate the beginning of a favorable trend" - toward less violence.

CINCINNATI FOLLOW WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, in a suburb of Cincinnati - one of the most cold-blooded crimes in recent memory. Three young men held up a suburban bank - in the process, killing four women they found inside - two of them employees and two customers. So far they have escaped a police dragnet!

CHICAGO

A second case of sudden, violent death - reported today from Chicago; where, a high-speed printing press blew up - killing at least six, injuring forty-six.

RECORDED LEAD-IF TO THOMAS TATE S. BOGGS -
"MADAGASCAR")

TRIAL FOLLOW CHICAGO

Chicago again - it was trial day today for the eight hippies, yippies and revolutionaries - charged with conspiring to incite riots during last year's Democratic National Convention. The judge, the prosecuting attorney, the defendants - all ready if not anxious to get on with it. But not so four defense lawyers - who failed to appear. The court promptly issued bench warrants - advising the four to show up quickly or face arrest!

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**(SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
"MADAGASCAR")**

**With Lowell Thomas still somewhere in the Pacific -
and still temporarily out-of-touch - it's time for another
special report he left us. Topic for tonight - an African
success ~~story~~ story, maybe the best yet. Lowell...**

Good Evening Everybody:

This time from the island of Madagascar - the land of the great-eyed lemur -- after some two thousand years in near-limbo - Madagascar is suddenly throbbing with progress; a space age miracle - in every sense of that phrase. A miracle achieved, for the most part, since Nineteen Sixty - when Madagascar became the Malagasy Republic - an independent nation within the French community.

And the secret of Madagascar's success -- in the main, a vast infusion of money. Investments from France - loans from the World Bank - and payments from the U.S. because we maintain a space tracking station there. The biggest factor that of the newly-awakened people who are thirsting for a new and better way of life. This reflected in their acceptance of modern ranching and farming methods, and a young industrial

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program -- and a growing network of air routes to carry goods and produce to the mainland markets in Africa. At the same time - the islands literacy rate has been soaring to fifty per cent - ^{and} ~~it's~~ still climbing.

As one resident foreigner was heard to remark recently: "You can't push the people of Malagasy - but they can be led." And they are being led. The Island of Madagascar taking its place - in a world that so long seemed to have passed it by. From Madagascar....

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**(SUGGESTED FOLLOW TO THOMAS TAPE SLUGGED
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Thank you, Lowell. More - in a moment!

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WASHINGTON

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That - in sum - is the result of revelations today about the activities of Nixon political aide Harry Dent, who told some Texas oil producers the President still favors the full depletion allowance. But Ron Ziegler, the President's press secretary told reporters that the White House would go along with the judgement of ~~the~~ Congress on the matter.

TOKYO-HANOI

From Hanoi by way of Tokyo // a report today that North Vietnam has just elected a successor to the late Ho Chi Minh. The new President said to be Ho's chief disciple / and his Vice President for years - eighty-one-year-old Ton Duc Thang; who has ^{also} been serving as Acting President - ~~is~~ since Ho's death.

Western observers are convinced, however, - that Thang is merely ^a figurehead leader. They note, for example, that Thang's name was not first but rather second - on an official list of those who arranged Ho's funeral. Number One - Le Duan, First Secretary of the Vietnam Workers Party - who remains apparently the real power in Hanoi.

MOSCOW

Moscow - the Russian male discovers too late - that he's been had. This according to Soviet philosopher Alexander Grabovski - who writes that the goal of equal rights for women has long been a Communist dream. A dream that has now become a nightmare - says he; adding that full equality between the sexes - has long since been "replaced by inequality in women's favor;" to the point where Soviet society - he says - is in danger of becoming completely "feminized."

The main reason - we are told - the so-called "offensive spirit of women" - their "desire to be superior;" a desire that previously manifested itself - says Grabovski - "only in the cult of physical beauty and perfection." But soon - he contends - women will give up beauty contest entirely; substituting instead "spectacular displays of the female intellect" - ~~leaving~~ leaving men to sit "on the sidelines." The new feminine mystique - or mistake - Russian style!

This is Mike Wallace for Lowell Thomas.